GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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BENEFICIARIES UNDER RURAL HOUSING AND ANNAPURNA SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the selection of beneficiaries under the Rural Housing and Annapurna Schemes, especially in tribal areas of some States, like Bihar, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh is not being done properly;

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported from these States;

(c) the action taken/being taken against the erring officials in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to bring transparency in the selection of the beneficiaries under the Schemes?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement as referred to in Reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 212 to be answered on 4th December, 2001

No report has been received in regard to any improper selection of beneficiaries under the Annapurna Scheme, including in the tribal areas of Bihar, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh.For the Indira Awaas Yojana, some complaints were received in respect of irregularities in selection of beneficiaries. As per the available information, four such complaints were received from Bihar and Orissa.

2. As and when irregularities in the selection of beneficiaries and programme implementation come to light, the matter is immediately taken up with the concerned State Government / Union Territory for appropriate steps, including action against the defaulting officials. Senior Officers of the Ministry of Rural Development are also deputed to verify the factual position, where ever required.

3. The selection of beneficiaries under the Annapurana Scheme and the Indira Awaas Yojana is done by the Gram Sabhas; to bring about transparency in this process, the list of beneficiaries selected is to be displayed in the Gram Panchayat/made public, as per the Guidelines.